# STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES Land Division Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

March 24, 2006

Board of Land and Natural Resources State of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii PSF No.:05MD-148

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Grant of Perpetual, Non-Exclusive Easement to John Ellis and Claudia Johnson-Ellis for Access and Utility Purposes, Makawao, Maui, Tax Map Key: (2) 2-9-5:portion 20.

#### APPLICANT:

John Ellis and Claudia Johnson-Ellis, husband and wife, Tenants by the Entirety, whose mailing address is Box 6112, Kahului, Hawaii 96733.

## LEGAL REFERENCE:

Section 171-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended.

## LOCATION:

Portion of Government lands of Honokala situated at Makawao, Maui, identified by Tax Map Key: (2) 2-9-5:portion 20, as shown on the attached map labeled Exhibit A.

#### AREA:

6,944 square feet, more or less.

#### ZONING:

State Land Use District: Agriculture County of Maui CZO: Agriculture

## TRUST LAND STATUS:

Section 5(b) lands of the Hawaii Admission Act

DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution: YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_x

# CURRENT USE STATUS:

Encumbered by General Lease No. S-5587, Ellis, Inc., Lessee, for

intensive agriculture purposes. Lease to expire on July 23, 2034.

Encumbered by Grant of Easement S-4374, Virginia Cundiff and Mark Stephen Cundiff, Grantee, for access easement purposes. Easement to expire on April 11, 2028.

Encumbered by Grant of Non-Exclusive Easement bearing Land Office Deed No. S-28515 issued to Verizon Hawaii Inc. For utility purposes.

# CHARACTER OF USE:

Right, privilege and authority to construct, use, maintain and repair a right-of-way over, under and across State-owned land for access and utility purposes.

## COMMENCEMENT DATE:

To be determined by the Chairperson.

# CONSIDERATION:

One-time payment to be determined by independent or staff appraisal establishing fair market rent, subject to review and approval by the Chairperson.

#### CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

In accordance with the "Division of Land Management's Environmental Impact Statement Exemption List", approved by the Environmental Council and dated April 28, 1986, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Exemption Class No. 1, that states "Operations, repairs or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing."

#### DCCA VERIFICATION:

Not applicable. The Applicant as a landowner is not required to register with DCCA.

# APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant shall be required to:

- 1) Pay for an appraisal to determine one-time payment; and
- 2) Provide survey maps and descriptions according to State DAGS standards and at Applicant's own cost.

#### BACKGROUND:

Parcel 19 was previously owned by Virginia Cundiff and her brother Mark Cundiff. Parcel 19 is a landlocked property.

We provide a brief history of Parcel 19:

	Grantor	Grantee
1/13/1977	Mark Cundiff conveys ½	Mark Cundiff and
	interest to	Deborah Newton
1/22/1979	Mark Cundiff dies	
4/22/1980	Deborah Newton conveys	Deborah Newton and
	½ interest to	Bradford Wood
7/9/1984	Virginia Cundiff	Deborah Newton-Wood
	conveys ½ interest to	and Bradford Wood
2/27/1989	Deborah Newton-Wood	Michael and Denise
	and Bradford Wood	Anello
	conveys to	
2/271989	Michael and Denise	John and Claudia
	Anello conveys to	Ellis

The Land Board at its meeting of November 19, 1993, under agenda item F-1-a, consented to the assignment from Virginia Cundiff and Mark Cundiff to John and Claudia Ellis. (Exhibit B) Years passed and in April 2000, our Maui District office contacted Mr. and Mrs. Ellis about finalizing the 1993 assignment and consent. They were unable to locate the Cundiff's heirs. Years passed and the matter remained "unresolved".

#### **REMARKS:**

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis require an easement through the State's Parcel 20. Also, Mr. Ellis is proposing to increase the width of the easement from 16 feet to 40 feet. The easement will continue to serve Parcel 19. Staff abstractor has confirmed that Parcel 19 is not a kuleana. (Exhibit C)

Currently, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis are leasing Parcel 20 via General Lease No. S-5587 for intensive agriculture purposes. They are current with all lease obligations.

The difficulty arises for us to go back and obtain the necessary consents by all of the previous owners. To eliminate further delays staff is proposing a new easement to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis that will run with Parcel 19 and only require them to inform their successor of our liability insurance requirement when the easement is sold. This eliminates needless paperwork and time by the Board, staff, Attorney General's office, grantee, private attorneys, escrow companies, etc.

Applicant has not had a lease, permit, easement or other disposition of State lands terminated within the last five years due to non-compliance with such terms and conditions.

Comments were solicited and their statements are listed below:

DHHL	No response
Historic Preservation	No response
County of Maui, Planning	No comments
County of Maui, Public Works	No comments
OHA	No comments

A review of the file shows there are outstanding issues: Ms. Virginia Cundiff and Mr. Mark Stephen Cundiff have failed to post the required \$750 performance bond and liability insurance policy.

Staff is requesting Grant of Easement S-4374 issued to Ms. Virginia Cundiff and Mr. Mark Stephen Cundiff be cancelled due to failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the easement, abandonment, and they have cease using said easement for a continuous period of one (1) year.

## RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:

- 1. Declare that, after considering the potential effects of the proposed disposition as provided by Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200, HAR, this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.
- 2. Subject to the Applicant fulfilling all of the Applicant requirements listed above, authorize the issuance of a perpetual non-exclusive easement to John Ellis and Claudia Johnson-Ellis covering the subject area for access and utility purposes under the terms and conditions cited above, which are by this reference incorporated herein and further subject to the following:
  - A. The standard terms and conditions of the most current perpetual easement document form, as may be amended from time to time;
  - B. The easement shall run with the land and shall inure to the benefit of the real property described as Tax Map Key: (2) 2-9-5:19, provided that when the easement is sold, assigned, conveyed, or otherwise transferred, the Grantee shall notify the Grantee's successors or assigns of the insurance requirement in writing, separate and apart from this easement document;
  - C. Review and approval by the Department of the Attorney General; and
  - D. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the

State.

- Rescind its prior action of November 19, 1993, under agenda item F-1-a.
- Cancellation of Grant of Easement S-4374 issued to Virginia 4. Cundiff and Mark Stephen Cundiff.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene E. Unoki

Assistant Administrator

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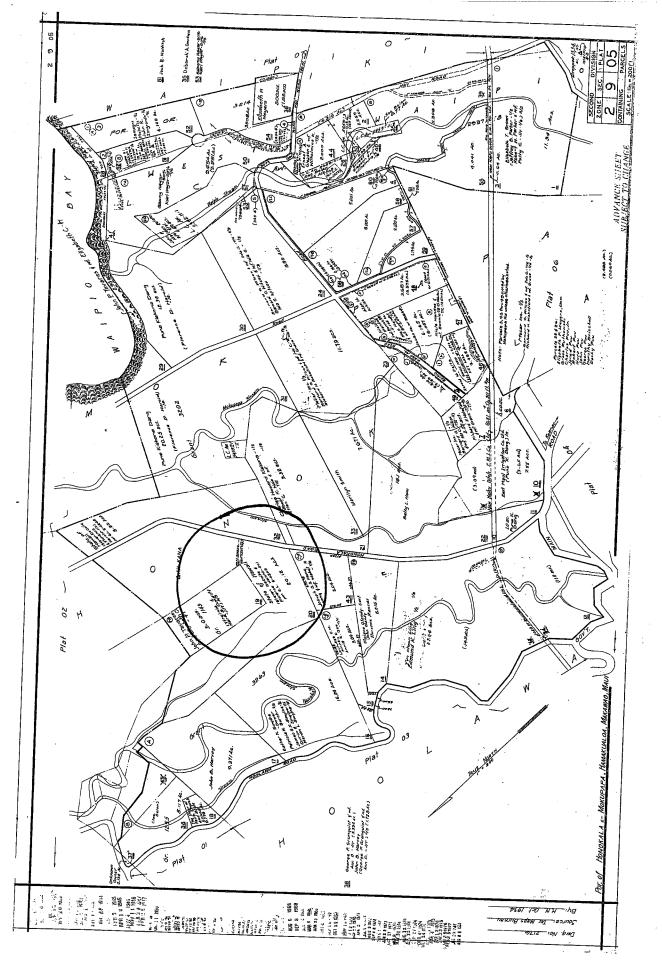
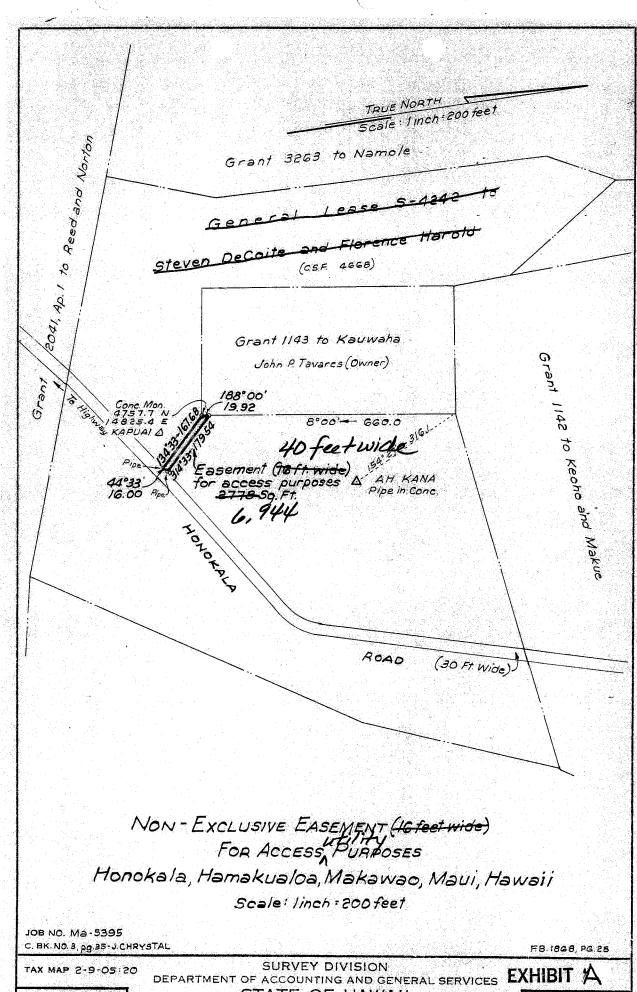


EXHIBIT "A,"



C. S. F. No. 16448

STATE OF HAWAII

October 20,1971,JC

# DOCUMENT FOR APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

#### CONSENT

# November 19, 1993



# ASSIGNMENT OF GRANT OF EASEMENT:

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VIRGINIA and MARK CUNDIFF, as Assignors, to JOHN and CLAUDIA ELLIS, husband and wife, as Tenants by the Entirety, whose mailing address is 1826 Wili Pa Loop, Suite 1, Wailuku, Maui, HI 96793, as Assignees.

Grant of Easement No. S-4374, fifty-five (55)-year term commencing April 12, 1973 and expiring April 11, 2028.

# TAX MAP KEY:

2-9-05:por. 20

# LOCATION:

Por. of Honokala and Mokupapa, Hamakualoa, Makawao, Maui, Hawaii, as shown and described on Government Survey Map C.S.F. No. 16,448 appended to the basic file.

# AREA:

2,778 square feet

# ANNUAL RENTAL:

One-time rental of \$17.00 paid for the full term.

# CHARACTER OF USE:

Non-exclusive, 16-ft.-wide surface easement.

#### ASSIGNMENT CONSIDERATION:

None

# REASON FOR ASSIGNMENT:

The assignees are the present owners of the property being served by the easement.

EXHIBIT "B"

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# **REMARKS:**

Grant of Easement No. S-4374 was awarded at public auction on April 12, 1973 at the upset price of \$17.00 for the full 55-year term of the period April 12, 1973 to April 11, 2028.

This easement was for a non-exclusive, 16-ft.-wide surface easement over and across State-owned Tax Map Key 2-9-05:por. 20 to serve Virginia and Mark Stephen Cundiff's Tax Map Key 2-9-05:19.

Virginia died on July 11, 1985. Her son, Mark, predeceased her.

John and Claudia Ellis purchased the property from Mark's widow and have been living there since, but no action was ever taken on assigning the easement.

Recently, GTE Hawaiian Telephone Company, Inc. requested a utility easement within the bounds of the current access easement to serve the Ellis' property.

As the present grantees for the access easement are both deceased, staff is recommending that the subject easement be assigned to the current property owners, John and Claudia Ellis, under Paragraph 6, Assignments, etc., page 4, of Grant of Easement No. S-4374.

Contained elsewhere on the Land Board agenda is a request for a utility easement from GTE Hawaiian Telephone Company, Inc., to service the Ellis' property.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board consent to the Assignment of Grant of Easement No. S-4374 from VIRGINIA and MARK STEPHEN CUNDIFF, as Assignors, to JOHN and CLAUDIA ELLIS, as Assignees, subject to such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson.

EXHIBIT "B"

LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR OF HAWAI





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# **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Charlene E. Unoki, Assistant Administrator

THROUGH: Dierdre S. Mamiya, Administrator

FROM:

E. Mahoe Collins Abstractor

**SUBJECT:** 

Kuleana Status of designated TMK: (2) 2-9-05: 19 situate, lying and being at

Honokala, District of Hamakualoa, Island and County of Maui.

We have been requested to determine the kuleana status of the original source of title to the subject tax map key parcel (2) 2-9-05: 19, identified on the attached map as being all of Royal Patent Grant No. 1143.

Records filed in our office reveal that the subject premises is a portion of the Ahupuaa of Honokala set aside to the Hawaiian Government by the King in the Mahele of 1848.

Pursuant to the Act Relating to the Lands of His Majesty the King and of the Government (L. 1848, p.22; C.C., p.374) and in accordance with the Act of August 6, 1850, the Minister of the Interior sold said portion of the Government Land of Honokala to Kauwaha under Royal Patent Grant No. 1143 dated July 11, 1853.

Having not been claimed or acquired "anterior to the law of December 10, 1845" we find that the subject parcel is not a kuleana.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 587-0458.

Enclosure

